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For : NON-B, NON-C, NON-G HEPATITIS VIRUS
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VIRUS PARTICLE, METHOD FOR ISOLATING
VIRUS PARTICLE, AND METHOD FOR
DETECTING VIRUS
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit : 1645

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with eight (8) references.
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